Good Admonition

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To al ſorts of people this counſell I ſing,
That in each ones affaire, to take heed's a faire thing.

To the tune of, Magina-cree.

TO all chriſtian people,
this ditty belongs,
That haue the true ſenſe,
of their eares, eyes, and tongues:
If well they doe keepe it
t'will profit them bring,
I giue but this Item:
take heed's a faire thing.

Be ſure aboue all things,
that God thou doe ſerue,
That ſafely from dangers,
doth ſtill thée preſerue:
Him laud for his mercy,
and praiſe to him ſing,
And of that be not ſlacke:
take heed's a faire thing.

See next that thy parents,
thou loue and obey,
Be rul'd by their counſells
beleeue what they ſay:
If ſo thou perſeuer,
in thy tender ſpring,
Thy age will be bleſſed:
take heed's a faire thing.

No fawning looſe friendſhip,
ſee thou doe not truſt,
Giue good words for good words,
for flattery muſt
With truth ſtriue to wraſtle,
but fly thou her ſting,
Beware of her lorches:
take heed's a faire thing.

Let not thy kind heart,
make thy credit to cracke,
To prodigall be not,
nor whats fitting lacke,
To cheapskin and war,
ſee thy hand neuer cling
In thriuing obſerue this,
take heed's a faire thing.

Lewd Company ſee that,
by no meanes thou kéepe,
Leſt ſhame with diſgrace then
vpon thee doe créepe:
And danger into her
relaps will thée bring,
Giue eare to my counſell,
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Let no tempting harlot
bewitch or intice,
To ſell that for luſt,
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The ſecond part. To the ſame tune.

Drinke wine but let temperance,
meaſure thy boule,
Shun dice, and lewd gaming,
if thou loue thy ſoule.
Be iuſt in thy calling,
then conſciences ſting,
Shall neuer oppreſſe thée,
take heed's a faire thing.

Vaine-glory and pride,
like the deuill from fly,
Foule theft and adultery,
come thou not nigh,
Wrath ſee thou eſchew,
for to murther twill bring,
Then ſhamefull death followes:
take heed's, &c.

Extortion and couetouſneſſe,
ſee that thou hate,
If that the white path,
thou wouldſt tread that is ſtraight,
For the broad way in fury,
to hell will thee bring,
And too many finde it,
take heed's, &c.

If much thou poſſeſſeſt,
be good to the poore,
Let Charity neuer,
depart from thy doore,
Then fame of thy bounty,
and godneſſe ſhall ſing,
But if thou doe other,
take heed's, &c.

Take heed of repining
at other mens good,
Beare patiently loſſes,
for tis vnderſtood,
That who ſo continues,
his conſcience will bring
A peaceable ending,
take heed's, &c.

Delight not in popular
glory as vaine,
Like Aprill ſunſhine,
thats mixed with raine.
But keepe within compaſſe,
and plenty will bring,
The beſt of her labours.
take heed's, &c.

Be awefull ore ſeruants,
but not too preciſe:
Be friendly with friendſhip,
and friendly him priſe,
But if thou in danger
thy ſelfe for him bring,
The begger will catch thee,
take heed's, &c.

Thus doing content
with true peace ſhalt thou find,
And nothing diſturbe thée,
in body or minde:
And after death brings thée,
where Angels doe ſing,
Thou ſhalt liue for ever.
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